

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JAMES MCNEIL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize James McNeil for the courageous act that led to his untimely passing. James displayed extraordinary bravery in an attempt to save his father from drowning in a fishing accident. It is with a solemn heart that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to his heroism and sacrifice.

James McNeil and his father, Kelly McNeil, were fishing on San Luis Lake when Kelly suddenly fell from his boat into the water. Without hesitation, James dove into the 55-degree water and began swimming toward his father in a rescue attempt. Unfortunately, James did not survive the frigid, treacherous waters and passed away before reaching his father. The Carnegie Hero Fund has awarded James a Bronze Medal in recognition of his brave act.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize James before this body of Congress today. His brave act serves as a reminder to all Americans of the courage upon which our nation is founded. While James will be dearly missed, his family can take solace in the knowledge that his spirit will live on through those whom he has touched. I extend my deepest sympathies to James' loved ones during this difficult time.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT JOHN WOODEN SHOULD BE HONORED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORTS AND EDUCATION.

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I have submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that John Wooden should be honored for his contributions to sports and education.

Whereas John Wooden was one of the greatest basketball coaches and players;

Whereas John Wooden nurtured and inspired many of the greatest basketball players of all time who would go on to fame in their own right;

Whereas John Wooden is one of only two men enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach;

Whereas John Wooden coached the UCLA Bruins to 10 NCAA Mens' Basketball Championships in 12 years;

Whereas John Wooden led the Bruins to 88 consecutive victories;

Whereas John Wooden, during 40 years of coaching, compiled a 885-203 (.813) record;

Whereas John Wooden developed the "Pyramid of Success," a graphic representation of the ideals that form the basis of Wooden's outlook on life and explain much of his success on and off the court;

Whereas John Wooden was a successful amateur basketball player who led Martinsville High School of Martinsville, Indiana to 1927 Indiana State Championship and led Purdue University to the 1932 NCAA Mens' Basketball Championship;

Whereas John Wooden is a best selling author, public servant, holder of numerous honorary degrees, and recipient of many awards honoring his lifetime dedication to improving the lives of others;

Whereas John Wooden has been honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) congratulates John Wooden for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award;

(2) recognizes the achievements and contributions of John Wooden in the fields of sports and education.

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HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to inform my colleagues of the death of Mr. Cole A. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was special to many. He was a man of conscience. His principles and ethics were impeccable. He did whatever he could. He was the true example of humanity. His life experiences shaped the man he became. He was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland where he graduated from the country's second oldest high school, City College. After high school he went off to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. During World War II he enrolled in the U.S. Navy's V-12 program at Brown. He was commissioned in 1945 and served in the post-war occupation of Japan. He returned to Brown in 1946 where he graduated in 1947 with his original class. Cole Lewis and Nat Brush were married after graduation and moved to Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Lewis was employed by the Prudential Insurance Company of America. He held many positions there including pioneer systems analyst for the installation of the company's first computer, and ending as vice president of community affairs. Mr. Lewis used his position in the community affairs department to benefit social and cultural programs in Newark and throughout the state. Although he was responsible for funding many of these programs he became personally involved. He was the founding director of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, chairman of the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities, and an active officer and board member of

Planned Parenthood, the Integrity House, The Catholic Youth Organization, the Education Law Center and many other groups.

Mr. Lewis was employed with Prudential for 37 years. Upon his retirement he became comptroller of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, serving nine years. His second retirement was brief, when he joined the staff of the Education Law Center, a pro bono advocacy group dedicated to bettering educational opportunities for underprivileged children in the state.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues would have liked to meet Mr. Lewis who would have celebrated his 77th birthday this past weekend. I am also sure my colleagues would have extended their condolences to Mr. Lewis's family—his wife, Nat; and his two daughters, Susan Kenny and her husband, Thomas; and Deborah Sexton and three grandchildren; Sarah Kenny, Austin Kenny and Laura Sexton.

TRIBUTE TO MILDRED BOWLES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress to recognize a remarkable woman that is a long time resident of Cedar Mesa, Colorado. Mildred Bowles has witnessed the evolution of her hometown in the last century and simultaneously worked to preserve its invaluable memories. I am proud to recognize Mildred's contributions to my district before my colleagues here today.

Mildred's adventurous spirit can be traced back to her ancestors, who traveled in a covered wagon from Nebraska to Colorado in 1902. Mildred's father, L.E. Dolph, played an integral role in the founding of both Cedar Mesa and Cedaredge. His responsibilities included serving as sheriff and delivering mail to local residents.

Mildred has developed a plethora of memories in Cedar Mesa during the 93 years that she has spent in the area. She notes that while children now have spring break, she remembers the days when students had "mud breaks," when the spring weather inhibited any type of travel, and "apple breaks," when students provided an extra hand during harvest season. Mildred also remembers the days when electricity was only available two days a week and silent movies were a popular form of entertainment. She has helped to preserve her precious memories by performing a one-person skit over the years and participating in the local historical society.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Mildred Bowles, a woman who provides her community with a priceless link to our past. We are fortunate to have her memories, which serve as a reminder of the hard work and determination that have made our nation strong. I commend Mildred for all that she does in her community and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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